

The 100: A Ranking of the Most Influential Persons in History

Revised and Updated for the Nineties by Michael Hart (Secaucus, NJ: Citadel, 1998).

Examine the list. Place a check next to the names of people you have heard of. Circle the names of people if you can explain something about their life.

Final Examination:

A) Select your list of the 10 most influential people in history. Explain the criteria you used for making these choices. Write an essay defending your selections. In your essay, explain the achievements and long term impact of these people and the way they meet your criteria for selection.

B) List 5 people you would drop from this list. Write an essay explaining your selections.

C) Select 3 additional people you feel were rated either too low or too high on this list. Explain why you reassign them.

1- Muhammad	26- George Washington	51- Pope Urban II	76- Enrico Fermi
2- Issac Newton	27- Karl Marx	52- Umar ibn al-Khattab	77- Leonhard Euler
3- Jesus Christ	28- Wright Brothers	53- Asoka	78- Jean-Jacques Rousseau
4- Buddha	29- Genghis Khan	54- St. Augustine	79- Nicoli Machiavelli
5- Confucius	30- Adam Smith	55- William Harvey	80- Thomas Malthus
6- St. Paul	31- William Shakespeare	56- Ernest Rutherford	81- John F. Kennedy
7- Ts'ai Lun	32- John Dalton	57- John Calvin	82- Gregory Pincus
8- Johann Gutenberg	33- Alexander the Great	58- Gregor Mendel	83- Mani
9- Columbus	34- Napoleon Bonaparte	59- Max Planck	84- Lenin
10- Albert Einstein	35- Thomas Edison	60- Joseph Lister	85- Sui Wen Ti
11- Louis Pasteur	36- Leeuwenhoek	61- Nikolaus August Otto	86- Vasco da Gama
12- Galileo	37- William Morton	62- Francisco Pizarro	87- Cyrus the Great
13- Aristotle	38- Guglielmo Marconi	63- Hernando Cortes	88- Peter the Great
14- Euclid	39- Adolf Hitler	64- Thomas Jefferson	89- Mao Zedong
15- Moses	40- Plato	65- Queen Isabella I	90- Francis Bacon
16- Charles Darwin	41- Oliver Cromwell	66- Joseph Stalin	91- Henry Ford
17- Shih Huang Ti	42- Alexander Graham Bell	67- Julius Caesar	92- Mencius
18- Augustus Caesar	43- Alexander Fleming	68- William the Conqueror	93- Zoroaster
19- Copernicus	44- John Locke	69- Sigmund Freud	94- Queen Elizabeth I
20- Antoine Lavoisier	45- Ludwig van Beethoven	70- Edward Jenner	95- Mikhail Gorbachev
21- Constantine the Great	46- Werner Heisenberg	71- Wilhelm Roentgen	96- Menes
22- James Watt	47- Louis Daguerre	72- Johann S. Bach	97- Charlemagne
23- Michael Faraday	48- Simon Bolivar	73- Lao Tzu	98- Homer
24- James Clerk Maxwell	49- Rene Decartes	74- Voltaire	99- Justinian I
25- Martin Luther	50- Michelangelo	75- Johannes Kepler	100- Alan Singer

For biographical information check the web <http://mind.net/dlmark/pages/hundred.htm>

Life Magazine's "The 100 People Who Made the Millenium"

Compare this list to the list of the 100 most influential persons in history.

- 1- Which highly rated people on this list do not appear on the first list?
- 2- Which people from the "second millenium" (1000-2000 AD) on the first list, do not appear on this list or are rated much lower?
- 3- What do you think were the criteria for selection to this list? Do you think they are the same criteria used for the first list?
- 4- Why do you think there are sharp disagreements about some of the selections?
- 5- Which list do you agree with more? Why?

1- Thomas Edison	26- Mary Wollstonecraft	51- John D. Rockefeller	76- Andrea Palladio
2- Christopher Columbus	27- Guglielmo Marconi	52- Jean-Jacques Rousseau	77- Peter the Great
3- Martin Luther	28- Mao Zedong	53- Niels Bohr	78- Pablo Picasso
4- Galileo	29- Lenin	54- Joan of Arc	79- Louis Daguerre
5- Leonardo da Vinci	30- Martin Luther King, Jr.	55- Frederick Douglass	80- Antoine Lavoisier
6- Isaac Newton	31- Alexander Graham Bell	56- Louis XIV	81- Phineas Barnum
7- Ferdinand Magellan	32- Rene Decartes	57- Nikola Tesla	82- Edwin Hubble
8- Louis Pasteur	33- Ludwig van Beethoven	58- Immanuel Kant	83- Susan B. Anthony
9- Charles Darwin	34- St. Thomas Aquinas	59- Fan Kuan	84- Raphael
10- Thomas Jefferson	35- Abraham Lincoln	60- Otto van Bismark	85- Helen Keller
11- William Shakespeare	36- Michelangelo	61- William the Conqueror	86- Hokusai
12- Napoleon Bonaparte	37- Vasco da Gama	62- Guido of Arezzo	87- Theodor Herzl
13- Adolf Hitler	38- Suleyman the Magnificent	63- John Harrison	88- Queen Elizabeth I
14- Zheng He	39- Samuel Morse	64- Pope Innocent III	89- Claudio Monteverdi
15- Henry Ford	40- John Calvin	65- Hiram Maxim	90- Walt Disney
16- Sigmund Freud	41- Florence Nightingdale	66- Jane Addams	91- Nelson Mandela
17- Richard Arkwright	42- Hernan Cortes	67- Cao Xueqin	92- Roger Bannister
18- Karl Marx	43- Joseph Lister	68- Matteo Ricci	93- Leo Tolstoy
19- Copernicus	44- Ibn Battuta	69- Louis Armstrong	94- John von Neumann
20- Wright Brothers	45- Zhu Xi	70- Michael Faraday	95- Santiago Ramon y Cajal
21- Albert Einstein	46- Gregor Mendel	71- Ibn-Sina	96- Jacques Cousteau
22- Mohandas Gandhi	47- John Locke	72- Simone de Beauvoir	97- Catherine de Medicis
23- Kublai Khan	48- Akbar	73- Jalal ad-Din ar-Rumi	98- Ibn-Khaldun
24- James Madison	49- Marco Polo	74- Adam Smith	99- Kwame Nkruma
25- Simon Bolivar	50- Dante	75- Marie Curie	100- Alan Singer

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Most Influential People in United States History (1776-2000)

Examine the list below. The names are organized in roughly chronological order. Place a check next to the names of people you have heard of. Circle the names of people if you can explain something about their life.

Final Examination:

A) Select your own list of the 25 most influential people in United States history. Place them in order of importance. Explain the criteria you used for making these choices. Write an essay defending your selections. In your essay, explain the achievements and long term impact of these people and the way they meet your criteria for selection.

B) List 5 people you would drop from the list below. Write an essay explaining your choices.

Benjamin Franklin, politician/inventor
George Washington, soldier/politician
Thomas Paine, politician
Alexander Hamilton, politician
Thomas Jefferson, politician
Abigail Adams, author
James Madison, politician
Benjamin Banneker, architect
Eli Whitney, inventor
Robert Fulton, inventor
Lewis and Clark, explorers
John Marshall, judge

Tecumseh, Shawnee leader
DeWitt Clinton, politician
John Quincy Adams, politics/abolitionist
Dorthea Dix, activist
Andrew Jackson, soldier/politician
Samuel Morse, inventor
John C. Calhoun, politician
Daniel Webster, politician
Henry Clay, politician
Horace Mann, educator
Ralph Waldo Emerson, author
Henry Thoreau, author/activist
Sojourner Truth, activist
William Lloyd Garrison, abolitionist
Harriet Tubman, activist
Frederick Douglass, activist
John Brown, abolitionist
Abraham Lincoln, politician
Robert E. Lee, soldier
Ulysses Grant, soldier/politician
Thaddeus Stevens, politician
Thomas Nast, cartoonist

Walt Whitman, poet
Mark Twain, author
Elizabeth Cady Stanton, activist
Susan B. Anthony, activist
Joseph Brant, Nez Percé leader
Sitting Bull, Sioux leader
Alexander Graham Bell, inventor
Thomas Edison, inventor
John D. Rockefeller, entrepreneur
Samuel Gompers, labor leader
Andrew Carnegie, entrepreneur
William Randolph Hearst, entrepreneur
George Washington Carver, inventor
William Jennings Bryan, politician
Mary Harris "Mother" Jones, activist
P.T. Barnum, entertainer
Eugene Debs, labor leader
Booker T. Washington, activist
W.E.B. DuBois, activist
John Dewey, educator
Clarence Darrow, activist/lawyer
Wright Brothers, inventors
Jacob Riis, author
Jane Addams, activist
Alice Paul, activist
Helen Keller, activist
Theodore Roosevelt, politician
Frank Lloyd Wright, architect
Woodrow Wilson, politician
Henry Ford, entrepreneur
Upton Sinclair, author
Jim Thorpe, athlete
Margaret Sanger, activist
Marcus Garvey, activist

Sacco and Vanzetti, activists
Herbert Hoover, politician
Langston Hughes, poet
Louis Armstrong, entertainer
George Gershwin, entertainer
Walt Disney, entrepreneur
Babe Ruth, athlete
Franklin D. Roosevelt, politician
Eleanor Roosevelt, activist
Woodie Guthrie, entertainer/activist
Lewis Hines, photographer
John L. Lewis, labor leader
Charles Lindbergh, adventurer/activist
George Marshall, military/politician
Dwight Eisenhower, military/politician
Harry Truman, politician
Emily Balch, activist
Jackie Robinson, athlete/activist
Jonas Salk, scientist
Benjamin Spock, scientist/activist
William Levitt, entrepreneur
Earl Warren, judge
Thurgood Marshall, activist/judge
Edward Teller, scientist/activist
Martin Luther King, Jr., activist
John Kennedy, politician
Billy Jean King, athlete/activist
Muhammed Ali, athlete/activist
Malcolm X, activist
Lyndon Johnson, politician
Neil Armstrong, astronaut
Michael Jordan, athlete/entrepreneur
William Gates, entrepreneur